

To Whom It May Concern:

I am registered with the Indiana Telephone Privacy registry and urge you not to implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections. I am a professional male, aged 29 years.

Prior to the enactment and enforcement of Indiana's Telephone Privacy law, I would typically receive 15 to 20 calls per day from various and sundry telemarketers. The calls were never from the purveyors of goods or services I had expressed interest in purchasing and eventually led me to refuse to answer my own home telephone.

Also, I was forced to purchase "caller ID" from my local telephone company to prevent me from missing calls placed by those I had an interest in speaking to, such as friends and family.

Since the enactment of Indiana's Telephone Privacy law, I have been able to cancel my "caller ID" subscription and answer the telephone at any time of the day, knowing that, aside from a few "wrong numbers", the caller was someone who I would be interested in speaking to.

To lessen the protections of the Indiana Telephone Privacy law would result in my be re-imprisoned in my home, unable to answer the telephone without the added expense of "caller ID".

Although I am not a senior citizen or other "endangered" class of person, I found my experience with telemarketers to be a difficult one, as many callers would not take a simple "I am not interested in your product and/or service" and would often end the call rudely or use inappropriate language that would certainly not entice me into doing business with their company. I shudder to think of the effect of any diminution of the protections currently in place on those who cannot or will not be more forceful with these "business" people.

Based on these foregoing reasons, I urge you not to implement any proposal that would dilute Indiana's Telephone Privacy law.

Thank you.